(c) The society produced 7 feature films, 2 featurettes and 9 short films; and covered an audience of about one crore with its schemes during the last three financial years.

Representation about the use of Tamil Equivalent words for All India Radio

1296. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation about the use of Tamil equivalent words for English words on "All India Radio";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that All India Radio Tamil broadcasts, relayed from Delhi and Tamil Nadu, use different words that is 'Agasavani' from Delhi and 'All India Radio' from Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether Government propose to use Tamil Words namely "Ahila Indian Vanozhi" instead of Hindi and English words in Tamil Broadcasts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two representations, in this regard, were received from the Hon'ble Member, Shri S. Madhavan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. The present practice of using the name "All India Radio" from Tamil Nadu stations and Akashvani from other stations/Centres in the country is considered appropriate.

Imort of Newsprint

1297. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of newsprint required to be imorted to meet the demands of the press adequately this year;

(b) the extent of imports made so far and what is the quantum contracted for imort during the current year country-wise, indicating the terms of imort; and

(c) the quantity of newsprint imorts, is any, which is likely to be made in terms of rupee-payment and through the contrivance of escrow accounts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c) The total demand of newsprint in the country for the year 1992-93 is estimated to be 5.55 lakh metric tonnes and the targetted production of indigenous newsprint during the same period is 3.44 lakh MTs. As the newspapers are allowed to import newsprint directly or through their handling agents as per the current Import-Export Policy after decanalisation of newsprint, it is not possible to indicate the quantity of newsprint that would be imported by the newspapers during this year and the foreign exchange/Rupee Payment involved therein.

दूरदर्शन द्वारा धारावाहिक "सहस्वफन" को स्वीकृति का दिया जाना

1298. श्री प्रमोद महाजन : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दूरदर्शन धारावाहिक "सहस्वफन" को स्वीकृति हेतु दूरदर्शन के पास कब प्रस्तुत किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पहले इस धारावाहिक को अस्वीकार कर दिया गया था लेकिन बाद में इसे स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस दूरदर्शन धारावाहिक के लेखक कौन है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) और (ख) "सहस्वफन" शीर्षक से दो प्रस्ताव एक ही निर्माता से प्राप्त हुए थे जिनमें से एक प्रस्ताव 31-7-89 को कमीशंड श्रेणी के